

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Patent Application No. 10/522,833

Applicant: Onodera et al.

Filed: February 2, 2005

TC/AU: Unassigned

Examiner: Unassigned

Docket No.: 232658 (Client Reference No. 541530)

Customer No.: 23460

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop PCT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.